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USURPATION OF POWER FOLLOWING COUP

REF: NICOSIA 1356 (DTG 231200Z MAY 77)

1. GREEK CYPRIOT HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AT ITS WEEKLY
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THURSDAY SESSION JUNE 2, CONCLUDED DEBATE ON THE "USURPATION
OF POWER" QUESTION (REFTEL). HOUSE DEBATE, WHICH QUICKLY TURNED
INTO VENOMOUS ATTACK ON CLERIDES FOR HIS ACTIONS FOLLOWING THE
1974 COUP AND PROMPTED HEATED EXCHANGES BETWEEN LEFTIST AND PRO-
CLERIDES PRESS, WAS INITIATED BY MILITANT SOCIALIST LEADER
LYSSARIDES AT HOU'S MAY 19 SESSION.

2. HOUSE AGREED TO TERMINATE DEBATE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT BY HOUSE SPEAKER KYPRIANOU THAT MAKARIOS WISHED IT KNOWN THAT HE WANTED TO AVOID STIRRING UP ISSUES WHICH ONLY AGGRAVATE POLITICAL PASSIONS. FAITHFULLY ECHOING MAKARIOS' LINE, KYPRIANOU SAID THE "USURPATION OF POWER" QUESTION WAS VERY SERIOUS BUT THAT NO USEFUL PURPOSE WAS SERVED BY ACCENTUATING PASSIONS AT A TIME WHEN TURKS STILL OCCUPYING PART OF THE ISLAND. AT THE SAME TIME, HE ARGUED, AVOIDING AGGRAVATION OF POLITICAL PASSIONS DOES NOT MEAN THAT IRRESPONSIBLE ACTIONS AND PROVOCATIVE STAND OF THOSE WHO HAVE NOT REPENTED SHOULD BE TOLERATED. ON THE CONTRARY, THE PURGE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE AND INVESTIGATION OF CERTAIN CRIMES SHOULD BE CONTINUED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. (COMMENT: KYPRIANOU IS HAVING IT BOTH WAYS. HE EFFECTIVELY ENDED HOUSE DEBATE ON COUP BUT MANAGED TO GET IN A DIG AT "UNREPENTANT" CLERIDES AT THE SAME TIME.)

3. LYSSARIDES PREDICTABLY REITERATED HIS VIEW THAT HOUSE SHOULD DEMAND THAT "USURPERS" BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE, THAT IT WAS UNFAIR TO PURGE THE PUBLIC SERVICE BUT NOT THE LEADERSHIP (I.E., CLERIDES), AND THAT QUESTION SHOULD BE KEPT UNDER DISCUSSION "UNTIL THE PEOPLE ARE VINDICATED AND AN INTERNAL FRONT OF PATRIOTIC FORCES IS ESTABLISHED."
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